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INFORMANTS

	Contacting Agents
CG T-1 PCI [redacted]	SAs [redacted] and PETROS A. KOTSOS on 3/5, 8, 11, 13, 20/63; and 4/1/63
CG T-2 [redacted] (by request)	SA WILLIAM L. BAILEY on 4/10 and 4/25/63
CG T-3 PCI [redacted]	SA WILLIAM L. BAILEY on 4/11/63
CG T-4 Internal Revenue Service records as furnished by AUSA [redacted] Chicago, Illinois	SA WILLIAM L. BAILEY on various dates in April, 1963
CG T-5 PCI [redacted]	SA [redacted] on 4/1/63

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Report of: SA WILLIAM L. BAILEY Office: Chicago
Date: 5/7/63

Field Office File No.: 92-924 Bureau File No.: 92-5806

Title: ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 1608 North 39th Street, Stone Park, Illinois, and continues to operate D'Ors Supper Club, under corporate name, Hat and Cane, Inc. A warrant was served on corporation (Hat and Cane) 12/62 by State of Illinois to recover $11.40 in franchise tax. PRANNO reportedly in complete control of gambling activities in Stone Park, Illinois, and is presently in process of opening North Park Cab Company. PRANNO allegedly controls Mid-Central Sewer and Water Main Company, presently constructing sewers in Stone Park. Records of Bank of Bellwood, Illinois, disclose Mid-Central Sewer and Water Main Company formed 12/62. PRANNO remains free on bond pending appeal ten day jail sentence for driving with improper driver's license. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

PERSONAL HISTORY
AND BACKGROUND

CG T-1 advised in April, 1963, that ROCCO PRANNO continues to reside at 1608 North 39th Street, Stone Park, Illinois, and that he continues to operate D'Ors Supper Club at 1741 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park. Informant advised that PRANNO continues to conduct most of his activities from D'Ors and has set up an office in the basement of the establishment where he has a desk and is believed to maintain his private papers and books. PRANNO's home telephone number is MU 1-4331.

CG T-2 advised in April, 1963, that ROCCO PRANNO recently had his 1962 Oldsmobile repainted from blue to tan and presently has a young man with the first name [redacted] driving his car for him. He advised that PRANNO also has a 1955 pink De Soto which he has RICK to drive occasionally. PRANNO has further been observed to ride in a 1955 black Buick bearing 1963 Illinois License KU 4172 which informant believes is owned by one of the waitresses working at D'Ors.

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CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

On March 20, 1963, [redacted] Corporation Department, Secretary of States Office, State House, Springfield, Illinois, advised SA CECIL M. MILLER that there is no new information in the Corporation Department's files relative to the Hat and Cane, Incorporated, at Chicago, Illinois, except a warrant issued on October 15, 1962, against this concern for failure to pay the franchise tax. This warrant was forwarded to the Cook County Sheriff's Office and was returned by the Sheriff of Cook County on December 20, 1962, at which time the amount of $11.40 covering the tax and penalties was returned to the State. This warrant was issued against the

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Hat and Cane, Incorporated, 1741 North Mannheim, which is located in Stone Park, Illinois. The agent shown on the warrant was [redacted] however, this name was put on the warrant by the Corporation Department because it appeared on the records. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that a Certificate to Dissolve Corporated dated November 15, 1962, had been sent to the Attorney General's Office and, if the Hat and Cane, Incorporated, does not file the required annual report for the year 1962, they will probably be dissolved sometime in the Fall of 1963.

On April 5, 1963, [redacted] Cook County Sheriff's Office, County Building, Chicago, Illinois, advised that a warrant was issued by the Secretary of State on October 15, 1962, which charged that Hat and Cane, Incorporated, Stone Park, Illinois, had failed to pay the State Corporation franchise tax. He advised this warrant was served on December 20, 1962, at which time the amount of $11.40 covering the tax and penalties was collected and returned to the State of Illinois. He advised that the records of the Cook County Sheriff's Office contain no further information concerning the Hat and Cane.

On March 29, 1963, an anonymous telephone call was received by IC [redacted] wherein unknown male advised that a room containing several telephones is located on the second floor of the garage at Margana Motors north of Lake Street on Mannheim Road in Stone Park, Illinois. The caller advised that he did not know whether this room was being used as a wire service but stated that ROCCO PRANNO has something to do with the room. The caller said that numerous expensive cars constantly drive in and out of Margana Motors lot. The caller said he had no further information and terminated his call.

CG T-1 advised in March, 1963, that ROCCO PRANNO has complete control of any gambling activities in Stone Park. PRANNO reportedly has set up [redacted] in the running of various gambling enterprises in Stone Park. Informant believes that gambling is again taking place in the back room of the Manor Lounge located on Lake Street in Stone Park. The Manor Lounge has been raided in the past by the Cook County Sheriff's Office. Informant believes that gambling is being conducted in the rear of Sunny's Barber Shop and stated that [redacted] is a go-between for PRANNO with the individuals running crap games, black jack and poker games. Informant advised that on February 25, 1963, several police officers believed to be Cook County Sheriff's Undercover Men walked into D'Ors and turned the place upside down just on general principles. Informant further advised that an individual referred to as [redacted] who is believed to be [redacted] was in D'Ors in late February, 1963, and sold a Majestic radio to JIMMY PRANNO. b6 b7C

Informant further advised that Lieutenant [redacted] of the Stone Park Police Department is PRANNO's [redacted] and is believed to handle various chores for PRANNO including activities in the Aurora-Elgin, Illinois, area. b6 b7C

CG T-1 advised in March, 1963, that [redacted] is the man directing gambling activities for ROCCO PRANNO in Stone Park. CG T-1 stated that crap games, poker and black jack are primarily the gambling enterprises now in operation at the Manor Lounge and Sunny's Barber Shop. Informant advised that although he believes PRANNO directs illegal activities in Stone Park and possibly Northlake, Illinois, he actually has to report to a "higher up." He noted that PRANNO now very rarely drives his car in view of the publicity PRANNO has recently received regarding the revocation of his license.

On April 15, 1963, the "Chicago Daily News" carried an article entitled "4 Seized In Raid On Taverns," which revealed that the Cook County Sheriff's Police had raided the Manor Lounge, 4003 West Lake, Stone Park, one of the taverns in which there has been a fire set by an arsonist. The tavern was the scene of a $10,000 fire in December, 1960, and in December, 1962, persons were arrested there in a gaming raid. The article related that [redacted] Illinois, was charged with selling liquor to minors and three youths were charged with accepting liquor. b6 b7C

On March 12, 1963, the "Chicago Daily News" carried an article entitled, "Investigate Stone Park Magistrate," which related that the Cook County States Attorney's Office has begun a check on all traffic cases during the past twenty-five months in the court of Stone Park Police Magistrate, [redacted] was arrested along with Stone Park Patrolman [redacted] on charges of official misconduct [redacted] was also charged with bribery. Both [redacted] were arrested on the complaint of a motorist who said that he paid them $68 not to report a moving violation. The article indicated that [redacted] has been Police Magistrate for twelve years and was formerly the Chief of Police of Stone Park.

CG T-1 advised in March, 1963, that [redacted] of the Stone Park Police Department is [redacted]

CG T-1 advised that about a week before the Mist Restaurant was burned, "JIMMY" PRANNO (ROCCO PRANNO) remarked "there would be a few more yet." Informant advised that JIMMY PRANNO was recently driven to a big yellow house located at [redacted] where PRANNO spent approximately two hours. PRANNO indicated that he was going to see a girl at that place and remarked he had got

$7,000 from her a couple of weeks ago and he might put the touch on her again. CG T-1 advised that about five months ago the Stone Park Police Department gave a ticket to some doctor for a traffic violation. [redacted] brought the ticket to "JIMMY" PRANNO to get it fixed and PRANNO remarked that the name [redacted] does not mean anything at "the Office" and besides it did not come from higher up. b6 b7C

CG T-1 further advised that "Guide Magazine" [redacted] who spends a lot of time with PRANNO in D'Ors. The magazine is published at 10025 West Grand, Franklin Park, Illinois.

The informant advised that in March, 1963, an individual delivered some drapes which had been cleaned to D'Ors and made the remark to the bartender that he would never have taken this job if it had not been for [redacted] The man delivered the drapes in an unmarked automobile.

CG T-1 advised that with reference to the recent arrest of [redacted] and Patrolman [redacted] by the Cook County States Attorney's Office, PRANNO seemed glad [redacted] was getting bad publicity. He advised that all of the Stone Park records were confiscated. He understands from a conversation between PRANNO and [redacted] (FNU) [redacted] of the States Attorney's Prosecutive Staff will handle the case and will get word from higher up to ease off on the case. PRANNO allegedly remarked that he may get a new Chief of Police for Stone Park and he could not afford the "heat", that "the office" is not going to "sit for it." PRANNO further told [redacted] that, if it gets any hotter he has to get some "stuff out of there," (meaning the Police Department). Informant advised that [redacted] of Stone Park is scared and has not been out of his house for several day. PRANNO has issued instructions that if anyone is picked up by the States Attorney's Office, he is not to go downtown without an attorney.

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Date March 28, 1963

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[redacted] b6 b7C b7D was interviewed at his place of employment. [redacted] furnished the following information:

During August, 1960 to February, 1961, he worked [redacted]

He did not know for certain but believed PRANNO was the operator of the Diamond Lounge. [redacted] He never knew of any gambling in the Diamond Lounge and said as far as PRANNO is concerned, he "could say nothing bad concerning him". He said during his limited contact with PRANNO, he considered PRANNO "a nice fellow". b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] noted that he is unaware of [redacted] present whereabouts, his former residence and knows of no one who might know where [redacted] is located.

He said he "just did not feel like talking" concerning PRANNO or [redacted] and he just as soon forget the whole matter. He declined to discuss [redacted] the Diamond Lounge or the Key Lounge and said, "I knew very little about the operation of these places." b6 b7C b7D

On 3/18/63 at [redacted] File # CG 92-924 b7D

by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and [redacted] rms Date dictated 3/22/63 b6 b7C

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was contacted at just north of the city limits. was advised that he did not have to make a statement and any statement that he did make could be used against him in court. He was advised of his right to consult an attorney. voluntarily furnished the following information:

He has resided in or in the immediate vicinity of all of his life. Since he was years of age he has had "his finger" in handbook operations. For many years after World War II he operated in a pool room located in His interest in horse racing and gambling related thereto has always been limited to a "small scale". He explained he has never he has never used a He denied ever using a

advised that although he has been arrested "several times" for he has never served any time in prison.

He advised that in the years he operated he received all of his He denied he had ever purchased and never paid for any

advised he met ROCCO PRANNO, whom he also knows as JIM MARTEL, about 5 years ago. He said PRANNO formerly operated the Kane Amusement Company in Elgin for one or two years, and PRANNO contacted him in relative to

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On 4/16/63 at File # 92-924 162-133

by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and HARRY A. WALKER/P1b Date dictated 4/22/63

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He denied this business deal was for a gambling operation and said he "never really understood what PRANNO was driving at". He advised PRANNO never contacted him again; however, when questioned as to whether or not PRANNO ever gave him a physical beating he replied, "I'd better talk to my lawyer before answering that one".

[redacted] remarked that he has not seen or heard of PRANNO operating in or around Elgin, Illinois, or anywhere in Kane County for the past 3 or 4 years. He said that in his opinion, PRANNO's business is confined to the operation of D'Ors Restaurant in Stone Park, Illinois. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] claimed that he knew no present or former associates of PRANNO and "really never had any close association with PRANNO".

[redacted] advised that [redacted] stating local newspapers have described him as a "hood" and no one wants to associate with him. He is also [redacted] as he was [redacted] He noted that Elgin, Illinois Police "run a tight ship" and a "bookie" does not have a chance anymore".

[redacted] noted that he desired to talk with his attorney before he answered any further questions, whereupon his interview was terminated.

Following is a description of [redacted] obtained from observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'10"
Weight	187 pounds
Hair	Brown (graying sides)

Eyes	Blue
Military Service	None
Characteristic	Wears glasses
Education	2 years high school
Marital Status	Divorced
Former Wife	

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Previous Employments

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Date April 18, 1963

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Special Agents WILLIAM L. BAILEY and [redacted] personally observed the following automobiles parked in the parking lot directly behind D'Ors Restaurant, 1741 Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois, during the period of 10:53 a.m. and 11:35 a.m. on April 10, 1963:

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1955 grey DeSoto - 1963 Illinois license [redacted]
1956 black Ford - 1963 Illinois license [redacted]
1960 red Ford - 1963 Tennessee license [redacted]

In addition, the following automobile was observed parked at the El Dorado Motel, 1735 Mannheim Road, next door to D'Ors, and was observed during the same period of time:

1962 grey Grand Prix Pontiac - 1963 Illinois license [redacted]

On 4/10/63 at Stone Park, Illinois File # CG 92-924

by SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and [redacted] /rms Date dictated 4/12/63

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LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

CG T-3 advised in April, 1963, that ROCCO PRANNO continues to operate D'Ors Supper Club and restaurant, including a cocktail lounge at 1741 North Mannheim Road, Stone Park, Illinois. PRANNO has indicated that he was having financial problems with D'Ors, and remarked "I might have to close this place if business does not pickup."

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In April, 1963, CG T-3 advised that [redacted] is probably identical with [redacted] who is the [redacted] for D'Ors and is a close girl friend of PRANNOs. [redacted] now works for [redacted] Illinois, and resides at [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] PRANNO's [redacted] is reported to be working in [redacted] in [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] were former [redacted] is believed to be a [redacted] at D'Ors and allegedly resides in [redacted] Illinois.

CG T-3 advised that [redacted] is a former [redacted] and resides in [redacted] Illinois. CG T-3 stated that [redacted] is a close friend of PRANNOs and operates [redacted] in [redacted] which agency furnished entertainment to D'Ors. [redacted] also worked and appeared in D'Ors as [redacted] CG T-3 further advised that [redacted] is a [redacted] at D'Ors and is believed to reside in [redacted] Illinois. This informant stated that he believes that PRANNO's closest friend is [redacted] of [redacted]

On March 11, 1963, [redacted] Illinois, advised SAs WILLIAM L. BAILEY and JOHN W. ROBERTS, JR., that he is acquainted with [redacted] who formerly worked as [redacted] of D'Ors Supper Club, Stone Park, Illinois. He said that he learned recently that [redacted] was employed with [redacted] at a restaurant in [redacted] Illinois. He advised that he would attempt to obtain further details concerning [redacted] employment and would advise concerning this matter in the near future.

Subsequent recontact with [redacted] has failed to disclose additional information relative to the whereabouts of [redacted]

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On March 8, 1963, [redacted] Illinois, advised that [redacted] is no longer residing with [redacted]

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On April 11, 1963 [redacted] Illinois, stated that [redacted] has been [redacted] here since January 19, 1963, but that due to recent illness she has not worked. She stated that [redacted] allegedly resides on [redacted] Illinois, but she did not know the street address.

Mid-Central Sewer
and Water Main Company

CG T-1 advised that in March, 1963, ROCCO PRANNO had

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This informant indicated that [redacted] PRANNO's [redacted] and the individual who [redacted] may be in trouble with PRANNO. An individual named (FNU) [redacted] is possibly being groomed to take over [redacted] for PRANNO.

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MISCELLANEOUS

CG T-1 advised in March, 1963, that PRANNO is scheduled to start soon in the operation of a taxicab company to be known as North Park Cab. [redacted] (LNU), [redacted] Margana Motors, and [redacted] of Margana Motors, will be associated with this cab company. Informant further advised that PRANNO is allegedly buying some sort of hunting club (gun club) and [redacted] will front for him. PRANNO is spending $40,000 on the gun club.

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CG T-1 advised that PRANNO has received another letter from the Treasury Department and is worried about his books. The girl who is working on PRANNO's books for him put his "side line" income on which no tax was paid on PRANNO's regular books. PRANNO is trying to get [redacted] to set up two sets of books.

On April 1, 1963, CG T-5 advised that he has two ex-yellow cabs on the lot at Margana Motors, Stone Park, and believes that the old Paradise Club located next door to D'Ors is to be the cab office.

CG T-5 advised that PRANNO is planning to open a shooting gallery or pistol range on Mannheim Road in Stone Park. CG T-5 advised that [redacted] purchased a boat for $15,000 and will probably move his boat along with PRANNO's boat to Fox Lake, Illinois, soon.

[redacted] who works in D'Ors, or her parents own a house at [redacted]

CG T-5 advised that PRANNO has dumped [redacted] an attorney, by mutual agreement. CG T-5 also advised that PRANNO also owns the book agency operated by [redacted]

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In March and April, 1963, inquiry of [redacted] Secretary of State's Office, Driver's License Division, Chicago, Illinois, and [redacted] Cook County States Attorney's Office, Chicago, has revealed that the ten day jail sentence which PRANNO received is being appealed and the additional charge of submitting fraudulent driver's license applications still has not gone to the Cook County Grand Jury and PRANNO remains free on bond.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
May 7, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Title ROCCO SALVATORE PRANNO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent William L. Bailey dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Chicago T-2 with whom contact has been insufficient to establish reliability.

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